

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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In Reply Refer To Application 2111

Ms. Kim Whitestone Operations Assistant Epes Transport System, Inc. 3400 Edgefield Ct. Greensboro, North Carolina 27409

Dear Ms. Whitestone:

Our investigation of your STAA reasonable access route request for Epes Transport System, Inc. is complete.

For reasonable access request number 2111-1 shown below is not recommended because there is a section of this route that the crash rate for trucks only exceeds the critical crash rate. Therefore, this route is **not approved**.

Reasonable Access Request No. 2111-1: SR 3826 (Edgefield Court) between Epes Transport System, Inc. terminal located at 3400 Edgefield Court and SR 2011 (Edgefield Road), SR 2011 (Edgefield Road) between SR 3826 (Edgefield Court) and NC 68, NC 68 between SR 2011 (Edgefield Road) and US 158 in Guilford County.

The Traffic Engineering and Safety Systems Branch will be conducting more detailed investigations/research into each of the reported truck involved crashes along NC 68 to determine if additional safety, regulatory and/or operational improvements are needed. This requested route could be reconsidered in the future provided that identified deficiencies/problems could be treated and improved.

For reasonable access request number 2111-2, we have found this route to be acceptable by traffic engineering standards and hereby grant approval for your firm to run 53 foot trailers along this route. The **approved route** is described as follows:

Reasonable Access Request No. 2111-2: SR 3826 (Edgefield Court) between Epes Transport System, Inc. terminal located at 3400 Edgefield Court and SR 2011 (Edgefield Road), SR 2011 (Edgefield Road) between SR 3826 (Edgefield Court) and NC 68, NC 68 between SR 2011 (Edgefield Road) and I-40 in Guilford County.

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All weight limits that may exist on this above approved route must be observed.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

J. Kevin Lacy, P.E.
State Traffic Engineer

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cc: J. Douglas Galyon, Board of Transportation Member V. L. Embry, P.E., Triad Regional Traffic Engineer Colonel William F. Clay, State Highway Patrol

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